GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Monitoring of Cold Storages
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has evolved any mechanism to monitor the functioning of agencies responsible for the working of cold storages;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding overcharging and careless maintenance of agricultural produce by the entrepreneurs of cold storages, particularly in Jharkhand; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) scheme is extending financial assistance for taking up various activities related to development of horticulture including post-harvest management. Under MIDH credit linked back ended subsidy @ 35% of the project cost in general areas and 50% in case of hilly and schedule areas is available for creation post-harvest management infrastructure like cold storage/cold chain infrastructure. The component is demand/ entrepreneur driven from entrepreneurs, private companies, cooperatives, farmers groups etc. through commercial ventures for which Government assistance is credit linked and back ended.

Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) is a Centrally sponsored scheme implemented through States. Under MIDH powers have been delegated to states for sanction of Projects costing up to Rs.5.00 crore.

Monitoring and implementation of cold storage projects is done by State Government. Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) does not involve itself in monitoring/ functioning of Cold Storage facility. It is entirely left to private parties to avail loan for construction of Cold Storages and subsidy is released under the scheme for such facilities through the State Governments.

(c) & (d): The government has not received any type of complaint regarding overcharging and careless maintenance of agricultural produce by the entrepreneurs of cold storage including Jharkhand.

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